

# Southland Bloc Backs Demand for Probe of K Boast

Last Sunday *The Examiner*, exclusively disclosed boasts here by Nikita Khrushchev, as reported by motion picture executive Victor M. Carter, that Russia has obtained secret United States intelligence codes, intercepted diplomatic messages and hired United States agents abroad as "double spies."

The story had national repercussions.

As a result, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, in letters to Senate Majority Leader Johnson and House Speaker Rayburn, demanded a Congressional investigation.

Today, in another exclusive, *The Examiner* presents the reaction of members of the Southern California delegation to the call for Senate and House action.

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Support of a congressional inquiry into boasts by Soviet Premier Khrushchev that Russia has access to secret United States intelligence was voiced yesterday by members of the Southern California delegation.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn called for a Washington investigation last week after Victor M. Carter, Khrushchev's official guide during his visit here, revealed the Soviet dictator's remarks.

Subsequently, Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations and the President's personal representative who was in the car, with Carter and Khrushchev, acknowledged he was present during the code conversation. But he declined any direct comment.

Allen W. Dulles, brother of former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the country's hush-hush, master global detective network, observed:

"Mr. Khrushchev is quite a propagandist, isn't he?"

Of the eight Congressmen and one senator contacted by *The Examiner*, seven endorsed the idea of a Congressional investigation — in one form or another — one declined comment and another speculated that an executive inquiry had already been completed.

Here are their statements:  
• GORDON L. McDONOUGH, 15th District, Republican — "The entire situation should be investigated from top to bottom, at all levels, including the executive branch."

"We must determine if Mr. Khrushchev's statements are even partially true, or if they are merely boasts. If they are boasts, that's fine. But we must know. It's a question of vital importance to us and the free world."



McDONOUGH JACKSON

• DONALD L. JACKSON, 16th District, Republican — "What should have been done was for Mr. Lodge to have taken up Mr. Khrushchev on the spot and made him produce the messages. Every effort should be made to determine if our codes have been compromised."

• H. ALLEN SMITH, 20th District, Republican — "We are a good story teller, but if his claims are true, it's bad for us. I'm satisfied the appropriate Congressional committees will take action to find out what it's all about."



SMITH HIESTAND

"By all means, it's our duty, responsibility and desire to look into the truth or falsity of his remarks."

• EDGAR W. HIESTAND, 14th District, Republican — "I don't use Mr. Khrushchev's wild remarks to push for my bill H.R. 380, which would establish a joint House-Senate committee on foreign intelligence to which the CIA would report directly."

"I'm convinced Mr. Khrushchev's claims are not true. But I feel there is nothing to lose and everything to gain by an investigation. I believe it would clear every one of his implications."

• JOE HOLT, 22nd District, Republican — "I think the appropriate Congressional committees should talk to Mr. Dulles about this right now. He should be given an opportunity to explain his comment. What's more, I don't think Mr. Dulles should be making any comment. He talks too much."

"The whole Central Intelligence Agency needs overhauling. I've introduced legislation for—and still favor—a Congressional watchdog committee—a standing committee—for the CIA."

• GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB, 24th District, Republican — "It's about time we should initiate a good look-see at our intelligence. I certainly would not pass off Mr. Carter's remarks without looking into them. I don't think anyone should brush them off as 'just one of Khrushchev's lies.' In the area of intelligence, you can't brush anything aside. The Soviets concentrate on this field. If they say this, it's pretty important."

"As an individual, I am keeping a complete record of Mr. Khrushchev's visit. I intend to ask plenty of questions when the State Department appears before my subcommittee, asking for money."

• SENATOR THOMAS H. KUCHEL, Republican — "I have read of the off-the-cuff boast by the Soviet Premier. I don't know whether it's an idle boast or not. In any event, our country may rest assured this Administration will by now have taken appropriate steps to test its truth or falsity."



KUCHEL

"Our Central Intelligence Agency is under the effective leadership of Allen Dulles, a highly able man who reports directly to President Eisenhower. The CIA is an extremely sensitive agency with a far-flung responsibility. I have no doubt the Administration will discuss this general problem with the Congressional leadership of both parties. This is an area which, in the nuclear age, requires a delicate means of inquiry."

• JAMES ROOSEVELT, 26th District, Democrat — "I have nothing to say. I wasn't present when the remarks were made."



ROOSEVELT DOYLE

• CLYDE DOYLE, 23rd District, Democrat — "I regard Mr. Khrushchev's remarks as boastful rather than factual, although I am not discounting the possibility they may contain some fact."

"In any event, my impression is that an immediate request was made by the President's office for an investigation and that in a matter of minutes there was a checkup in Washington. I don't believe those boys are sloppy about our national defense. They aren't going to wait for Congress to investigate."